

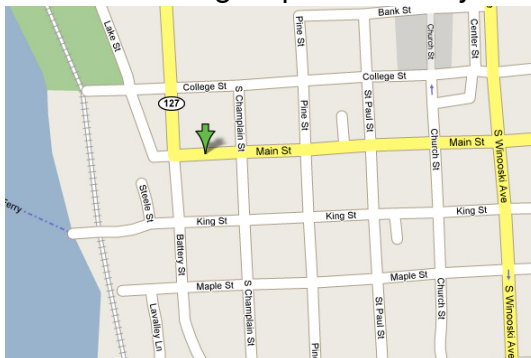
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[Washington, D.C.](#) – Today, Congressman Sires announced that the Federal Railroad Administration distributed a grant in the amount of \$38,500,000 to New Jersey Transit (NJ TRANSIT). The award is a part of ARRA High-Speed Intercity Rail Grant Program.

“As the Representative of an important transportation hub and a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I am pleased that NJ TRANSIT received this grant which will enable them to increase reliability on our rail system,” said Congressman Sires. “The population of New Jersey is growing and this grant will allow Portal Bridge to be modernized and will ultimately ensure that we meet our region’s future transportation needs.”

The High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program was established to make major capital investments to support intercity passenger and high-speed rail services. This project encompasses a final design plan for the replacement of the Portal Bridge, which began operating 100 years ago in 1910. Currently, NJ TRANSIT operates 393 trains and Amtrak operates 103 trains over the bridge each weekday. The bridge is an integral part of the Northeast Corridor which is one of our nation’s busiest rail corridors running from Boston, MA to Washington, DC.

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